

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR,AO,CG,PO

SUBJECT: MOBUTU POLICY ON ANGOLA

REF: BRUSSELS 0206

1. WHILE EVIDENCE ON WHICH TO BASE ASSESSMENT OF MOBUTU'S INTENTIONS TOWARD ANGOLA DOES NOT ALL POINT IN SAME WAY, OUR OWN ANALYSIS OF TRENDS SO FAR HAS LED US TO CONCLUDE THAT MOBUTU DOES NOT CURRENTLY ENVISAGE ZAIRIAN INCURSION INTO ANGOLA. HE CLEARLY BELIEVES PORTUGAL'S DAYS IN AFRICA ARE NUMBERED, AND HE WANTS ZAIRE TO PLAY A ROLE IN ITS EVENTUAL EXPLUSION. AT SAME TIME HE WANTS TO AVOID CRIPPLING COUNTERACTION THAT PORTUGAL COULD EASILY UNDERTAKE AGAINST ZAIRE. ON BALANCE WE INCLINE TO BELIEVE HE WILL CONTRIBUTE CONSPICUOUSLY TO BUILD UP OF POLITICAL PRESSURE AGAINST PORTUGAL WHILE ENDEAVORING TO AVOID, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, MILITARY CONFRONTATION.

2. BELGIAN EMBASSY HERE TENDS TO BE OF TWO MINDS ON SUBJECT, AND ITS REPORT OF EARLY JANUARY, DESCRIBED IN REFTEL, REFLECTS THE GLOOMIER SCHOOL OF THOUGHT. MY FREQUENT AND FRANK EXCHANGES OF VIEW WITH BELGIAN CHARGE CAHEN, WHOSE ACCESS TO MOBUTU AND OTHER KEY GOZ OFFICIALS IS EXCELLENT, LEADS ME TO BELIEVE CAHEN HIMSELF IS PERSONALLY MUCH LESS PESSIMISTIC THAN REPORT SUGGESTS. NEWLIN

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